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1. Boris Lifschitz, who took part in forming the Genossenschaft fur den Handel mit der Soviet Union, now is complaining that Ladislaus Bartha won unfairly a contract with the Russian Military Government in Germany to supply the Russians 100 million R.M. worth of Swiss watches. Lifschitz claims that his company holds a priority right to acquire such contracts as that made by Bartha.
2. Under terms of the contract, the Russians are to pay Bartha in Swiss francs at the rate of 20 Swiss francs to 100 R.M. with the transaction amounting to a total of 36 million Swiss francs. Payments are to be made to the Swiss Clearing Office in Berlin.

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